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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT		
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	First Named Inventor	NADEL
	Application Number	09/616,223
	Filing Date	July 14, 2000
	Group Art Unit	1635
	Examiner Name	J. Zara
Title: PREVENTING AIRWAY MUCUS PRODUCTION BY ADMINISTRATION OF EGF-R ANTAGONISTS		

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 28, 2001. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-3, 10, 12-20 and 26, drawn to compositions and methods for reducing goblet cell hyperplasia in an organism's airway comprising the administration of a kinase inhibitor;

Group II: Claims 1-4-6, 12-17, 21-23 and 26, drawn to compositions and methods for reducing goblet cell hyperplasia in an organism's airway comprising the administration of antibodies;

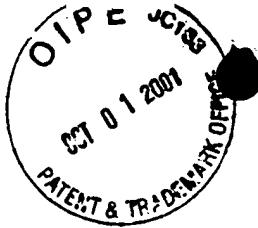
Group III: Claim 1, 7-9, 11-17 and 24-26, drawn to compositions and methods for reducing goblet cell hyperplasia in an organism's airway comprising the administration of an antagonist which inhibits release of a transmembrane EGF-R ligand.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-3, 10, 12-20, and 26), with traverse.

This election is made with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on claims 1-26 together. Accordingly, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

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